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NYC REMAC Advisory No. 2018-04 Title: Use of Hemostatic Dressings Issue Date: May 3, 2018 Effective Date: **Immediate** 2009-02 Use of Supersedes: 1 of 1 Page: Hemostatic Agents

The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City is responsible to develop, approve and implement prehospital treatment and transport protocols for use within the five boroughs of the City of New York. The Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City operates under the auspices of Article Thirty of the New York State Public Health Law.

Hemostatic dressings are sterile, traumatic wound treatments that rapidly arrest high volume blood loss in large wounds. Hemostatic dressings have been used by the military for some time. Disaster and Tactical units operating in NYC have been approved BY NYC REMAC to use hemostatic agents for several years.

After reviewing available literature regarding the use of hemostatic dressings, the Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee (REMAC) of New York City has decided to expand approval for the use of these agents to routine (non-disaster/non-tactical) prehospital care. The use of hemostatic dressings is now part of standard measures for controlling external hemorrhage should be utilized in the management of hemorrhage due to medical conditions or traumatic injuries in the prehospital setting. Use of hemostatic dressing is at the discretion of the agency Medical Director.

Current Protocols can be accessed at the Regional EMS Council website: www.nycremsco.org. Owners/operators of Ambulance and ALS First Response Services providing prehospital medical treatment within the five boroughs of the City of New York are responsible to provide copies of the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols to their personnel, and to ensure that Service Medical Directors and EMS personnel are informed of all changes/updates to the NYC REMAC Prehospital Treatment Protocols.

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